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BY SENEGAL AND GREECE

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. UNSSOD GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED ON
THE AFTERNOON WITH STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR OF
SENEGAL AND PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS OF GREECE.
SENGHOR DELIVERED A TYPICAL NON-ALIGNED STATEMENT, AND
KARAMANLIS SUPPORTED FRENCH DISARMAMENT INITIATIVES
AND MANAGED TO WEDGE INTO HIS SPEECH A MENTION OF THE
INVASION OF CYPRUS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE UNSSOD GENERAL DEBATE
BEGAN WITH A STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT LEOPOLD SEDAR
SENGHOR OF SENEGAL. SENGHOR MADE A TYPICAL NON-ALIGNED
SPEECH IN WHICH HE DREW PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE
SOCIAL COSTS OF THE ARMS RACE. HE DEPLORED THE DECLINE
IN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND THE INCREASE IN MILITARY
EXPENDITURES. SENGHOR NOTED THAT LOCAL CONFLICTS ARE
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OFTEN ENCOURAGED BY POWERS OUTSIDE THE CONTINENT
CONCERNED. HE MADE THREE MAJOR PROPOSALS:

(1) HE SUPPORTED THE CREATION OF NUCLEAR-FREE ZONES AND
SAID THAT THE WHOLE OF AFRICA, INCLUDING THE REPUBLIC
OF SOUTH AFRICA, SHOULD BE NON-NUCLEAR;

(2) HE SUPPORTED THE CREATION OF A SPECIALIZED AGENCY TO MONITOR BY SATELLITES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MEANS THE MANUFACTURE OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS; AND

(3) HE CALLED FOR A TAX ON ARMAMENTS AMOUNTING TO 5 PERCENT OF THE ARMAMENTS BUDGETS OF STATES AND SAID THAT THE RESULTING \$20 BILLION WOULD BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

3. PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS OF GREECE MADE A STATEMENT WHICH COMBINED SOME NATO THEMES WITH SUPPORT FOR FRENCH DISARMAMENT INITIATIVES. KARAMANLIS ARGUED THAT SECURITY MUST COME BEFORE DISARMAMENT, FOR "IT IS CERTAIN THAT NO ONE DECIDES TO DISARM UNLESS HE FIRST HAS THE FEELING OF SECURITY." KARMANLIS CALLED FOR A STRENGTHENING OF THE POWERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO ENFORCE PEACE, AND HE DECRIED THE "DANGEROUS REGRESSION IN THE RULES OF INTERNATIONAL BEHAVIOR" IN RECENT YEARS. HE OFFERED GREECE'S SUPPORT TO "PROPOSALS WHICH AIM AT STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL PROCEDURES FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, AS WELL AS THOSE AIMING AT THE ACTIVATION OF ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER INCLUDING THOSE OF CHAPTER VII."

4. KARAMANLIS BELIEVED THAT THE ISSUES OF NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS MUST BE CONSIDERED SIMULTANEOUSLY, UNCLASSIFIED

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"FOR THE MORE THE BALANCE OF TERROR MAKES A NUCLEAR CONFLICT UNLIKELY, THE MORE A WAR WITH CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS BECOMES PROBABLE." IN THIS CONTEXT KARAMANLIS MADE A RITUAL REFERENCE TO THE "INVASION OF CYPRUS, WHOE TRAGEDY UNFORTUNATELY STILL CONTINUES." HE ADDED THAT "IT CONTINUES BECAUSE REPEATED RESOLUTIONS OF THIS ORGANIZATION HAVE NOT BEEN ENFORCED."

5. KARAMANLIS HOPED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SALT AGREEMENT, FOR THE "EARLY CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR THE TOTAL BAN OF NUCLEAR ARMS," AND FOR "ACCESSION BY ALL STATES TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY." HE NOTED THAT IT IS "ESSENTIAL THAT THE NUCLEAR STATES SHOULD GIVE ADEQUATE GUARANTEES TO THE NON-NUCLEAR ONES. . . ."

6. ON THE QUESTION OF MACHINERY KARAMANLIS SAID THAT THE "THOUGHTS AND PROPOSALS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC OFFER AN EXTREMELY USEFUL FRAMEWORK." HE SAID THAT THE QUESTION OF HOLDING FURTHER SPECIAL SESSIONS OR MOVING TO A WORLD CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT MUST BE EXAMINED LATER.

7. ON THE QUESTION OF COLLECTING AND CHANNELING
RESOURCES SAVED BY ARMS LIMITATIONS, KARMANLIS SAID
THAT "THE PROPOSALS OF FRANCE SHOULD RECEIVE OUR
UNDIVIDED ATTENTION." YOUNG

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